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Dear Mr. Thuermer:

It was good to talk with you today by
phone. The material I mentioned is enclosed.

I quite agree with you that the upcoming
Conference on the C.I.A. sponsored by the new
Center for National Strategic Studies might
result in a "gangup" on the Director, although
he can certainly take care of himself.

As I mentioned, the Fund for Peace, to which
the CNSS belongs, staged a "conference on "The U.S.
Military in November, 1972, at the New Senate Of-
fice Building, under the sponsorship of Senator
Hughes of Iowa. Apparently he realized he was
suckered into it because the conference immedi-
ately devolved into a wholesale anti-military tirade
by the usual type of "get the U.S. out of Viet-
nam", "peace at any price" critics.

Hughes opened this conference with a brief
speech of welcome, then turned it over to Ex-Sen-
ator Gore of Tennessee and departed, never to re-
turn. Gore, once he got the drift of things,
excused himself to "catch a plane to California".
He, too, was seen no more after the noon break.

The military, as you can understand, took a
beating. One or two pro-military participants
left in disgust. One of them was the managing
editor of THE ARMY TIMES. Incidentally, Dean
Rudoy, who acted as "PR Director" of the Con-
ference, self-styled (he had no connection with
Hughes' office), later became Education/Director
for SANE, and is now with In The Public Interest,
a radio-newspaper propaganda ploy for the Fund
for Peace.

A so-called "conference on Chile" sponsored
by Senator Hughes last spring had the same result.
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